

JOHN 18:28-38

CLASHING KINGDOMS

Keep this thought in mind as you read the passages below: "The Kingdom of God is the rule and reign of Jesus now and forever. In this life, you are either seeking to build the Kingdom of God or the kingdom of self."

Read our passage of study today along with:

- John 18:28-38
- Matthew 26:57-68; 27:1-2, 11-14
- Mark 14:53-65; 15:1-5
- Luke 22:66-71; 23:1-16

As you read and put the four gospel accounts of these events together, what stands out to you?

CONSIDER THIS CONTRAST: THE KINGDOM OF SELF VERSUS THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- In John 18, where do we see examples of people trying to build their kingdom instead of God's Kingdom?
- Give attention to John 18:31-32. What is the deeper significance between the exchange of Pilate and the Jews, and how did it fulfill the word Jesus had spoken in Mark 10:33-34?
- Pilate was a wicked governor who reflects the kingdom of this world. How fitting that he encountered the Kingdom of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Talk about how those kingdoms clashed in both Pilate's language, decision-making, attitude, and questioning of Jesus.
- What does it look like to live for the kingdom of self-versus the Kingdom of God?

CONSIDER THIS CONTRAST: THE KINGDOM OF THE WORLD VERSUS THE KINGDOM OF GOD

- What did Jesus mean when He said, "My Kingdom is not of this world."
- Give attention to John 18:37-38. Jesus' Kingdom is a kingdom of truth and freedom. The kingdom of the world is a kingdom of falsehood and bondage. Talk about those differences.
- Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" If you were asked that question today, how would you answer it?
- A Christian is transferred from the domain of darkness to the Kingdom of God's Son (Colossians 1:13-14). What does that mean and practically look like?

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